

Amendments To The Claims:

The text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with strikethrough. When strikethrough cannot easily be perceived, or when five or fewer characters are deleted, [[double brackets]] are used to show the deletion. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claims 1-91 without prejudice or disclaimer, and ADD new claim 92-124 in accordance with the following:

Listing of Claims:

1-91 (cancelled).

92. (New) A method for producing a stable tablet composition for a benzimidazole derivative, the method consisting essentially of:

forming a substrate with the benzimidazole derivative;

preparing a solution of an enteric polymer selected from the
group consisting of HPMCAS, CAP, polyvinyl acetate
phthalate, cellulose acetate trimellitate,
polymethacrylic acid methacrylate, and ethyl
methacrylate;

neutralizing said solution by addition of an alkalizing material
comprising a material selected from the group
consisting of an inorganic or organic alkaline
compound; and

applying a single layer of said neutralized solution directly to
said substrate, without an intermediate layer between
said substrate and said enteric coating.

93. (New) The method of claim 92, wherein said neutralized solution is
at least about 60% neutralized.

94. (New) The method of claim 93, wherein said neutralized solution is
at least about 80% neutralized.

95. (New) The method of claim 94, wherein said neutralized solution is
at least about 95% neutralized.

96. (New) The method of claim 92, wherein said substrate is formed by
melting poloxamer and by mixing the benzimidazole derivative into said
poloxamer.

97. (New) The method of claim 92, wherein said substrate is formed by
direct compression.

98. (New) The method of claim 92, wherein said substrate is formed by
wet granulation.

99. (New) The method of claim 92, wherein said substrate is formed by
coating on an inert core.

100. (New) The method of claim 92, wherein said coating comprises spraying.

101. (New) The method of claim 92, wherein said applying said neutralized solution comprises spraying said solution with an incoming air temperature of at least 40°C.

102. (New) The method of claim 92, wherein said applying said neutralized solution comprises a method selected from the group consisting of pan coating and fluidized bed coating.

103. (New) A method for producing a stable tablet composition for a benzimidazole derivative, the method consisting essentially of:

forming a substrate with the benzimidazole derivative;

preparing an aqueous solution of an enteric polymer selected

from the group consisting of HPMCAS, CAP,

polyvinyl acetate phthalate, cellulose acetate

trimellitate, polymethacrylic acid methacrylate, and

ethyl methacrylate;

neutralizing said solution by addition of an alkalizing material

comprising a material selected from the group

consisting of sodium, potassium or ammonium

hydroxide;

spraying a single layer of said neutralized solution directly

over said substrate, without an intermediate layer

between said substrate and said enteric coating.

104. (New) The method of claim 103, wherein said neutralized solution is at least about 60% neutralized.

105. (New) The method of claim 104, wherein said neutralized solution is at least about 80% neutralized.

106. (New) The method of claim 105, wherein said neutralized solution is at least about 95% neutralized.

107. (New) The method of claim 103, wherein said substrate is formed by melting poloxamer and by mixing the benzimidazole derivative into said poloxamer.

108. (New) The method of claim 103, wherein said substrate is formed by direct compression.

109. (New) The method of claim 103, wherein said substrate is formed by wet granulation.

110. (New) The method of claim 103, wherein said substrate is formed by coating on an inert core.

111. (New) The method of claim 103, wherein said coating comprises spraying.

112. (New) The method of claim 103, wherein said applying said neutralized solution comprises spraying said solution with an incoming air temperature of at least 40°C.

113. (New) The method of claim 103, wherein said applying said neutralized solution comprises a method selected from the group consisting of pan coating and fluidized bed coating.

114. (New) A method for producing a stable tablet composition for a benzimidazole derivative, the method consisting essentially of:

forming a substrate with the benzimidazole derivative;

preparing an aqueous solution of an enteric polymer selected

from the group consisting of HPMCAS, CAP,

polyvinyl acetate phthalate, cellulose acetate

trimellitate, polymethacrylic acid methacrylate, and

ethyl methacrylate;

neutralizing said solution by addition of an alkalizing material

comprising at least ammonium hydroxide;

adding a plasticizer to said solution before or after said

neutralizing; and

directly coating said substrate with a single layer of said

neutralized solution, without an intermediate layer

between said substrate and said enteric coating.

115. (New) The method of claim 114, wherein said neutralized solution is at least about 60% neutralized.

116. (New) The method of claim 114, wherein said neutralized solution is at least about 80% neutralized.

117. (New) The method of claim 116, wherein said neutralized solution is at least about 95% neutralized.

118. (New) The method of claim 114, wherein said substrate is formed by melting poloxamer and by mixing the benzimidazole derivative into said poloxamer.

119. (New) The method of claim 114, wherein said substrate is formed by direct compression.

120. (New) The method of claim 114, wherein said substrate is formed by wet granulation.

121. (New) The method of claim 114, wherein said substrate is formed by coating on an inert core.

122. (New) The method of claim 114, wherein said coating comprises spraying.

123. (New) The method of claim 114, wherein said applying said neutralized solution comprises spraying said solution with an incoming air temperature of at least 40°C.

124. (New) The method of claim 114, wherein said applying said neutralized solution comprises a method selected from the group consisting of pan coating and fluidized bed coating.